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Cuba Seen Target in Arms Plot

NEW ORLEANS—Federal officials said nine persons arrested in Texas and Louisiana were allegedly conspiring to smuggle munitions for the overthrow of a foreign country, presumably Cuba.

As the arrests were being made Saturday night, a DC-4 aircraft was seized in Shreveport, La., containing 15,500 pounds of plastic explosives, 2,600 electrical blasting caps, 7,000 feet of prymacord and 25 electrical detonators.

Among those arrested were a prominent South Texas rancher-banker and a former inspector with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. The two were arrested at Eagle Pass, Tex., where they lived.

Federal officials said approximately $465,000 was to be paid for the explosives and the cost of the plane trip to deliver them to a secret landing strip near Vera Cruz, Mexico.